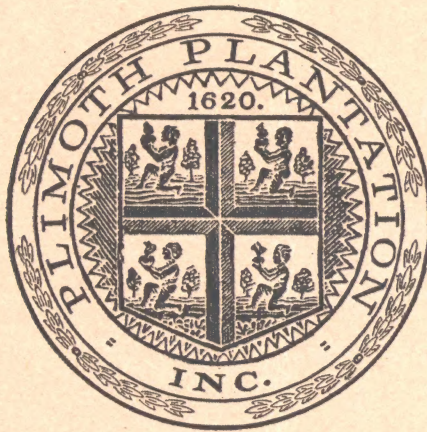


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Plimoth Plantation, Inc.

Plymouth, Massachusetts

THE PILGRIM MEMORIAL

to be erected in

The Town *of* Plymouth, Massachusetts

THE PROGRAM



By

Plimoth Plantation, Inc.

1948



"The First Street," Leyden Street, Plymouth, in 1948

INTRODUCTION

VISITORS to Plymouth see an old and historic town, one of the most attractive in New England. Yet in spite of several well-preserved and restored seventeenth century buildings, the town gives little or no impression of what it was like in the really heroic days of the early settlement. In these days of national shrines, when architecture is so effectively used to make past moments of history live, Plymouth has not yet risen to its full stature. The town itself and every visitor would be the gainer, if it were possible to show what life and conditions were in Plymouth in the 1620's.

The Pioneer Village built near Salem in 1930 has performed this service for the Colony of 1626, but the group at Salem is not a reproduction of old Salem, the form of the original town being unknown.

Plymouth is more fortunate. The number, type, location, and ownership of the original dwellings are known from trustworthy documents and archeological research. Plymouth is a rarity among important historical sites in that it possesses its architectural birth certificate, so that its very beginnings may be visualized.

The original street, now called Leyden Street, is a charming thoroughfare with beautiful old houses and dominated by the picturesque, though modern, edifice of the First Church of Plymouth.

While it would be possible to re-create the old settlement called Plimoth Plantation on its original site, as was done in Williamsburg, Virginia, this would do violence to a lovely old section of the town. Also the present-day commercial surroundings of the area would prove very distracting.

A plot of land similar in formation to that upon which the first settlers built, beginning in 1620, has been acquired by Plimoth Planta-

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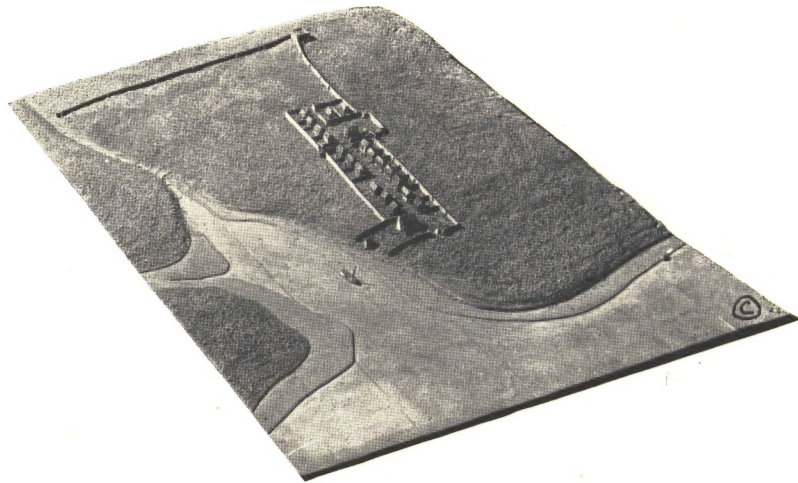
tion, Inc., which proposes to erect on this attractive and unfrequented site near Plymouth a reproduction of the first Plymouth settlement as it was in its earliest years. A very considerable fund of historical and archeological knowledge is available to Plimoth Plantation, Inc., which is thus fully capable of undertaking its task with confidence.

If this project is successfully achieved, the reconstituted Plimoth Plantation will be a precious memorial of an heroic episode in our history which all Americans cherish. The settlement will present Pilgrim life and its setting with an accuracy and vividness which are unattainable at any other place, or in any other way.

Our country needs such a living memorial to the founding fathers of 1620 who laid broad and deep the foundations for its liberty and its strength. Our people need to see with their own eyes how our Commonwealth was cradled; better knowing its beginnings, they will more fully appreciate the great tradition of which they are heir.

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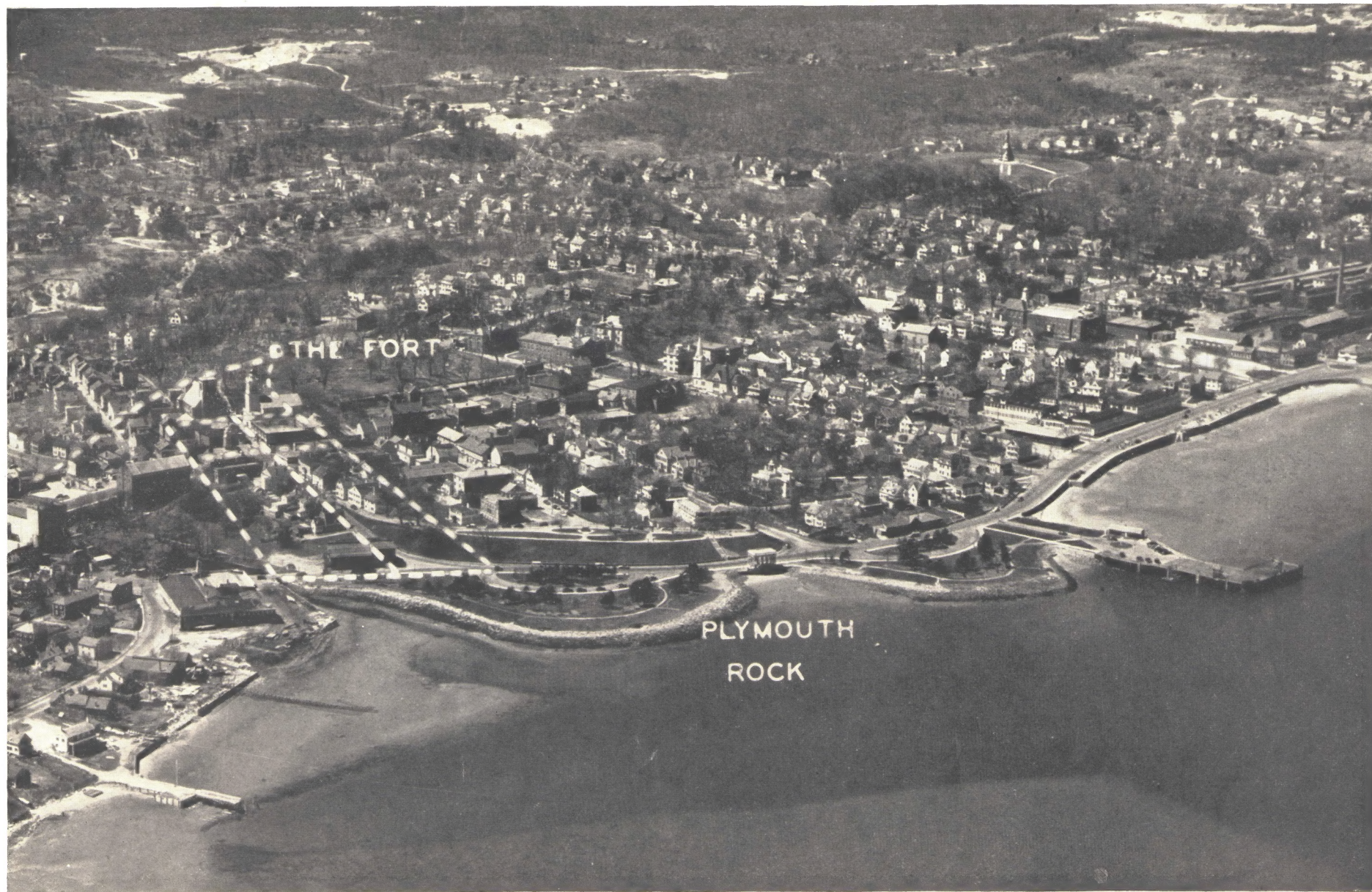


Model of Plimoth Plantation in 1623

“ . . . The Pilgrims in a sense have become the spiritual ancestors of all Americans, whatever their stock, race, or creed. [Governor William] Bradford foretold it himself:

“Thus out of small beginnings greater things have been produced by His hand that made all things of nothing, and gives being to all things that are; and as one small candle may light a thousand; so the light here kindled hath shone unto many, yea in some sort to our whole nation. . . .”

S. E. Morison, THE PILGRIM FATHERS, THEIR SIGNIFICANCE IN HISTORY, Concord, New Hampshire, 1937.



View of Plymouth showing the Original Location of Plymouth Plantation



Replica of First Pilgrim Home

*PLIMOTH PLANTATION, INC.

Background:

Plimoth Plantation, Inc. has been organized to help present and preserve the magnificent heritage that the Pilgrim Fathers created for all present-day Americans.

For a number of years many Plymouth residents have felt that the visitor to historic Plymouth has had little opportunity to appreciate the early development and far-reaching effects of the First Colony in New England, established as Plimoth Plantation by the Pilgrims in 1620.

The plans of the organization recently formed call for building as a living memorial to the Pilgrims a Plimoth Plantation along the lines of such historic re-creations as Williamsburg, Jamestown, Salem, Yorktown, St. Augustine, and Old Sturbridge Village.

Organization:

In December of 1945, a summer resident of Plymouth gave to the Pilgrim Society the sum of \$20,000 to be used to acquire land and prepare preliminary studies of a Pilgrim Memorial Village.

*This spelling of Plymouth is the one most used by Governor William Bradford.

P L I M O T H P L A N T A T I O N

A Corporation was established in October 1947 named PLIMOTH PLANTATION, INC. to receive this fund. The corporation was established under Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General Court and is exempt from taxation, as ruled upon by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Contributions to Plimoth Plantation, Inc. constitute a proper deduction from taxpayer's net income under the United States Income Tax Law.

The Articles of Incorporation together with the corporation's assets follow:

ARTICLE I

The Corporate Name

The corporate name of the corporation shall be PLIMOTH PLANTATION, INC.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The creation, construction and maintenance of a Pilgrim Village as a Memorial to the Pilgrim Fathers; the management and operation of the same and generally the restoration or reproduction of antiquarian houses and buildings, implements, tools and facilities; the historical education of the public with respect to the struggles of the early Settlers in the Town of Plymouth, the expansion of that settlement and the influences of the Pilgrim Fathers throughout the world, and in connection therewith to acquire, lease, hold, improve, use, encumber and dispose of real and personal property necessary or convenient for its purposes, and to raise and expend funds for the aforesaid purposes and in developments appurtenant thereto, and in general to do any and all things which may be lawfully incidental to the general purposes of the corporation and permissible under Chapter 180 of the General Laws, but these purposes shall not include the right to apply for a license to sell alcoholic beverages.



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

HENRY HORNBLOWER, II, *President*

Registered Representative of Hornblower & Weeks of Boston

Trustee, Pilgrim Society

Member and former Vice President, Massachusetts Archaeological Society

Member, American Society for Archaeology

Member, Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities

Archaeologist-in-charge, Excavations at Governor Winslow Site, Marshfield, and R. M. Site in Plymouth

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Trustee, Pilgrim Society

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Trustee, Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank

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Clerk, Superior Court of Plymouth County

Trustee, Pilgrim Society

Director, Plymouth Federal Savings & Loan Association

Special Naval Aide to Governor Robert F. Bradford

President, Squanto Council, Boy Scouts of America



Model of Pilgrim Memorial Village

Assets

(As of November 1948)

The assets of the Corporation consist primarily of land for the site, plans and drawings, a replica of a typical First House near Plymouth Rock, and a small cash balance. A detailed financial statement will be furnished by the Treasurer on request.

THE PROGRAM

The program for the entire project has been so devised that the work on the various parts may be carried out on an annual basis.

Information Center:

In order to stimulate interest in the project and to provide a building where visitors may acquire information relative to Plymouth, a typical first house was erected in September 1948. This building is located on land adjoining Plymouth Rock owned by The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Diorama:

During the winter of 1948-1949, it is proposed to construct a scale model with a painted background of Plimoth Plantation. This will be placed in a shelter inside the Palisade of the Information Center during the summer months.

Research:

During 1949, it is proposed to carry on various research and archeological programs in order to study further the life at Plimoth Plantation. Among the projects contemplated are a study of wills and inventories, objects in Plymouth known to antedate 1650, historic research on early sites in the Plymouth area and archeological excavations.

On completion of this part of the program in 1950, a study will be made of the entire project, and the building program will proceed, based on the funds raised at that time.



Site for the Pilgrim Memorial

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THE SITE

The site for the main project, adjacent to the Plymouth Country Club, comprises about thirty acres and is situated on the south-westerly side of Route No. 3 on Warren Avenue, which leads from the town south to Cape Cod. A proposed highway to by-pass the congested areas of Kingston, North Plymouth, and Plymouth may enter Route No. 3 in the vicinity of the Plantation and is shown on the site plan as "Proposed Highway." The area, mainly residential, is about three miles south of the center of town. Nearby is the Hotel Pilgrim, the Public Beach, and two restaurants. The land commands a magnificent view of Plymouth Harbor and the Eel River Valley.



Plan of Pilgrim Memorial Village at Plymouth

THE FIRST STREET AND FORT

THE primary goal of the corporation is to construct the First Street and Fort as it was in 1623. At that time the settlement consisted of the First Street with twelve houses, the Common Store House, and the Governor's house. These buildings were surrounded by a palisade. On a hill dominating the First Street, the Pilgrims constructed their Fort, which also served as a meeting place for worship. This was connected to the town by a palisade which also extended to Town Brook.

Plans call for the erection of the upper half of the first settlement comprising the Fort, ten houses, the Governor's House and the Palisade. The houses will contain furnishings and implements of the period.

Since each house will bear the name of the original family assigned to it, descendants certainly will wish to take an active part in the raising of funds for that particular house.

In each of the houses a craft will be represented, such as dyeing and spinning flax, weaving, candle making, herb preparation, pottery making, wrought iron working, and carpentry. There will also be gardens, salt-making pits, frames for drying skins and a saw pit.

Additional activities will include The Mounting of the Guard, processions of the Pilgrims to meet with Squanto, or to The Fort to attend church services and Pilgrim Family Associations' reunions.

All these activities will create a living memorial to the Pilgrims.

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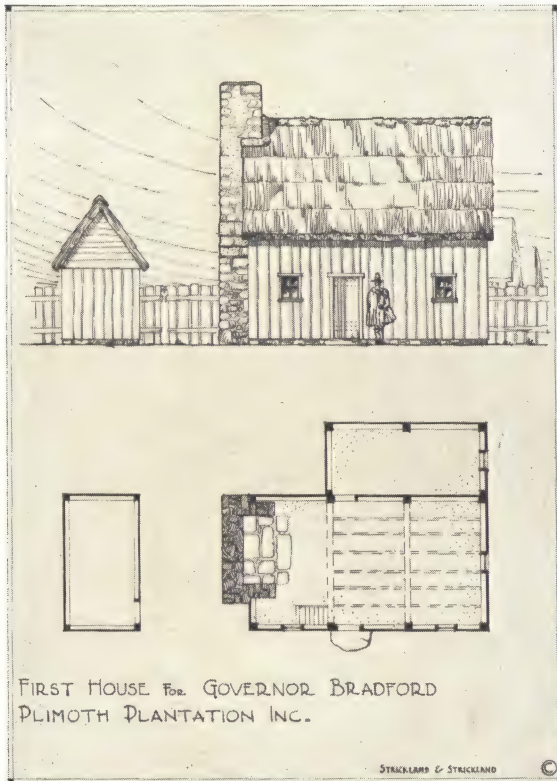


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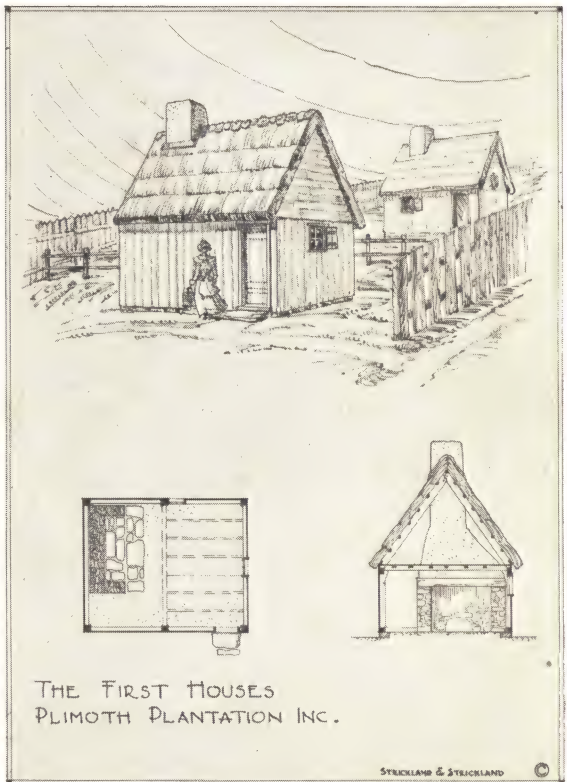
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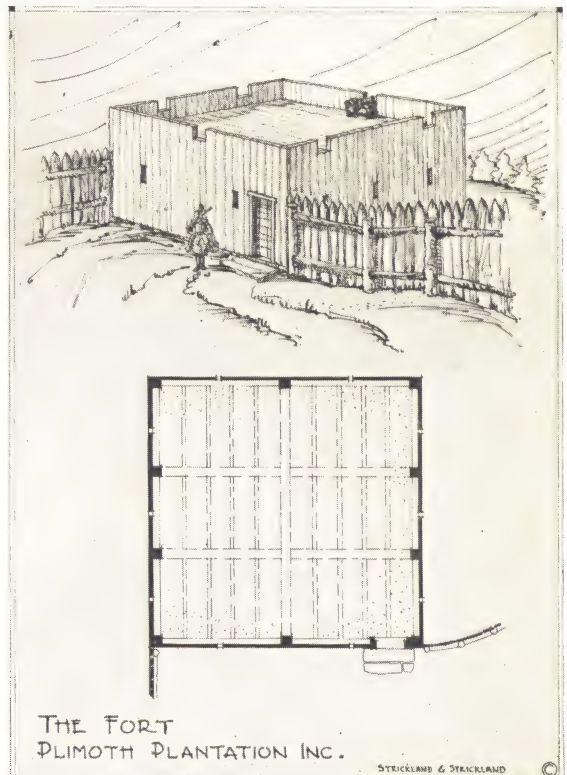
The First Houses



The Fort



First House for Governor Bradford



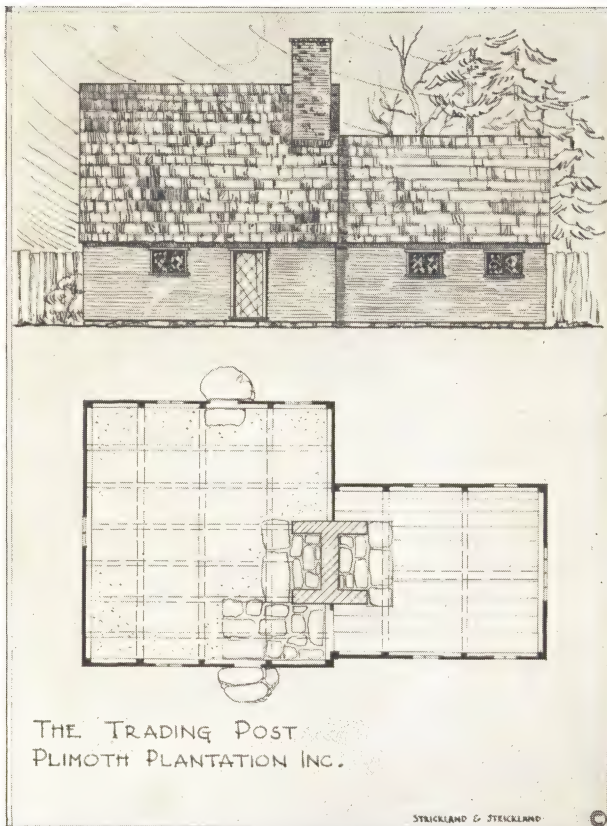
The Indian Village

The Pilgrims were among the most successful of the early settlers in their relations with the Indians.

A small Indian Village consisting of several typical houses will be built near the First Street.



THE INDIAN VILLAGE
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THE TRADING POST
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The Trading Post

Trading was a most important part of the early economic life of the Pilgrims. As early as 1626 trading expeditions were sent to Maine; and in 1627 a trading post was established in Manomet for trading with the Dutch. A replica of this trading post will be built at the entrance of the project, as a control point for the visitors, to be used for information, the selling of admissions, souvenirs, and crafts.



The Village Green

The Corporation has acquired enough land to provide for a Village Green. It is hoped that any building of an historic nature, or one that is architecturally worthy of preservation, which is threatened by demolition, may be acquired and moved to the site. Since a caretaker's house will be required, it is also planned to move an old house onto the site for this use.

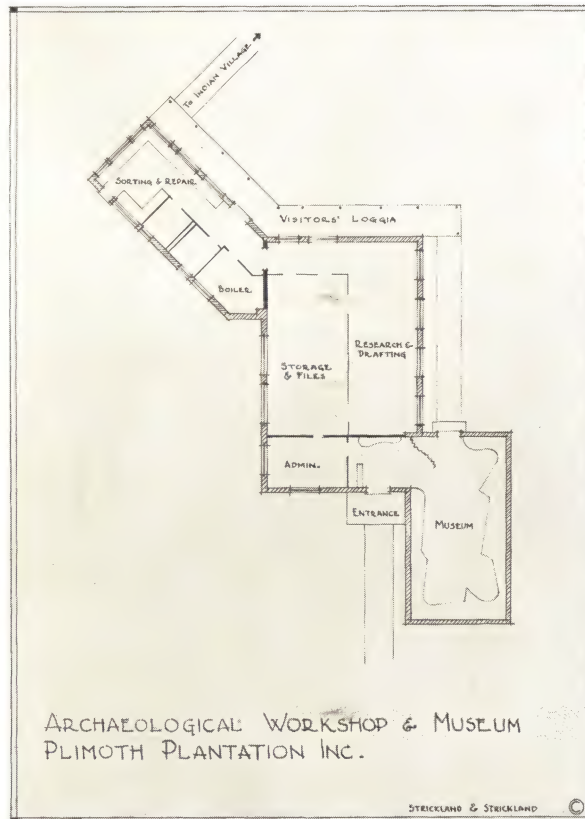
The Amphitheater

The Corporation envisions the construction of an amphitheater where pageants depicting the story of the Pilgrims will be produced during the summer season.



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The Archeological Program and Museum

Plans of Plimoth Plantation, Inc. call for archeological study of the Pilgrims such as has been done by The National Park Service in other historic areas. A building will be erected to house this activity. The locations of many of the plantation sites in the Plymouth area are already known and archeological excavations have been carried out at the Governor Winslow, John Howland, and another Pilgrim site in the vicinity of Plymouth.

The building will have an administration office, a small exhibition hall, and an archeological workshop. Since this building is to be used for contemporary purposes, the design will be contemporary.

The building will be so designed that the visitor may watch the processes involved in this work.



The Mayflower

The story of the Pilgrims is not complete without the inclusion of the ship that brought the Pilgrims to the New World. A reproduction of the Mayflower would make a very desirable addition to the project, and it is hoped may eventually be included.

It is planned to build a full-size replica, completely rigged, which will be anchored in Plymouth Harbor so that visitors may go aboard.

Cost of the Project

A detailed cost estimate of the First Street, Indian Village, Trading Post, Museum and Public Facilities has been completed. The cost for this part of the program will be three hundred thousand dollars. Because of the long period over which it is planned to complete the entire project, no detailed cost analysis has been attempted, but it is estimated that the entire project will cost one and one half million dollars.

We Need Your Support

Plimoth Plantation, Inc. hopes that contributions will come from many sources, that this project will be a national one rather than one in which only a few individuals participate. With these donations, Plimoth Plantation will be built as a national shrine, a dynamic reminder of the magnificent heritage created by our Forefathers for *all* present-day Americans.

Your contribution may take the form of a Membership in Plimoth Plantation, Inc. or a direct donation. Donors of less than five dollars shall be considered contributors. Groups or organizations are eligible for the first three membership classes.

Associate Member	\$5.00 annually
Active Member	10.00 annually
Sustaining Member	100.00 annually
Life Member	500.00
Benefactor Life Member	1,000.00 and over
Honorary Member	No dues

Any Sustaining Member who pays five annual amounts shall be entitled to Life Membership.

The Board of Governors of Plimoth Plantation, Inc. shall constitute a Committee of Admissions. Members shall be proposed either by a member of the Board of Governors or by another member in writing.

The Privileges of the Members shall be as follows:

All members who have made the prescribed contributions shall be entitled to admission to the grounds of the corporation free of charge so long as their membership is in effect.

All members except Associate Members shall be entitled to receive publications sponsored by the corporation without charge.

All members shall have the right to attend the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, but such members shall not have voting rights except on such matters as may be presented to them by vote of the Governors.

All contributions or requests for more information on Memberships should be sent to the Treasurer, Plimoth Plantation, Inc., Plymouth, Massachusetts.



Advisors to Plimoth Plantation, Inc.

- JOHN O. BREW Archeologist; Director Peabody Museum, Harvard University; Member Committee for Recovery of Archeological Remains, National Research Council, National Council for Historic Sites and Buildings, Society for American Archaeology, American Anthropological Association, Massachusetts Archaeological Society, Northern Arizona Society, Science and Arts Club, American Ethnological Society; Director various Archeological Field Expeditions.
- JESSE BREWER Caretaker, Trustee and former 2nd Vice-President Massachusetts Archaeological Society.
- ROSE BRIGGS Antiquarian, Museum Consultant; Curator Pilgrim Hall, Pilgrim Society; Member and Advisor to The Plymouth Antiquarian Society; Consultant to The Pioneer Village, Salem; Authority on 17th Century Life in New England.
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Historian; Chief Historian The National Park Service; Secretary National Council for the Preservation of Historic Sites and Buildings; Member International Committee on The International Museum, American Historical Association, American Pioneer Trails Association, Mississippi Valley Historical Association, American Association of Museums; Member of The Council American Association for State and Local History.

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A Pilgrim Family at the First House



The Signing of the Compact in the Cabin of The Mayflower

The Compact

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. We whose names are under-written, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc.

Having undertaken, for the glory of God, the advancement of the Christian faith and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony: unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod the 11 of November, in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord, King James of England, France and Ireland the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Ano. Dom. 1620.

Signers of the Compact

John Carver
William Bradford
Edward Winslow
William Brewster
Isaac Allerton
Myles Standish
John Alden
Samuel Fuller
Christopher Martin
William Mullins
William White
Richard Warren
John Howland
Stephen Hopkins
Edward Tilly
John Tilly
Francis Cooke
Thomas Rogers
Thomas Tinker
John Rigdale
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John Turner
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